



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK EIGHT | WISDOM FOR THE WAY

THURSDAY

Wisdom From Above

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

James 3:17

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits."

KEY TRUTH

Godly wisdom is recognized not only by its conclusions, but by the Christlike character it produces.

GOOD MORNING!

James contrasts heavenly wisdom with selfish ambition, envy, and confusion. Godly wisdom carries the character of the God who gives it.

It is pure in motive, peaceable in purpose, gentle in approach, willing to listen, full of mercy, and productive of good fruit. Wisdom is more than winning an argument.

A person may say something technically correct in a proud, harsh, or selfish spirit. Heavenly wisdom joins truth with humility and conviction with compassion.

Examine both your decision and the spirit behind it today. Ask whether your approach produces purity, peace, mercy, and good fruit. The wisdom that comes from above should make the character of Jesus increasingly visible below.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 Read James 3:13-18.
- 2 Examine the motive behind one decision.
- 3 Listen carefully before responding.
- 4 Spend five minutes asking for gentle wisdom.
- 5 Choose mercy in one difficult interaction.

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"More About Jesus"

- Eliza E. Hewitt

"More of His saving fullness see."

Knowing Jesus more deeply shapes wisdom that is truthful, gentle, merciful, and fruitful.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Bring wisdom into conflict by listening well, speaking gently, and pursuing truth without sacrificing mercy.

PRAYER

God of all wisdom, purify my motives and shape my approach. Remove envy, selfish ambition, harshness, and pride. Make me peaceable, gentle, willing to listen, full of mercy, and fruitful in every decision. Let the wisdom of Jesus be visible in me. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Heavenly wisdom does not merely prove a point; it produces the character and fruit of Christ.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

**Week Eight | Friday | Wisdom in Our Words |
Proverbs 15:1 (KJV)**

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!